

Agriculture

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An expert chemist connected with the United States Department of Agriculture, is on the St. Johns river, experimenting with various processes with a view to the destruction of the hyacinths in this and other streams in the State. Meanwhile, the Orlando Reporter gives an account of how they were cleared out of a lake near that city, which was purely a mechanical method by which a large area was detached and drawn into shallow water to remain until the water receded and left them on dry land to wither and die.

Alachua County reports having a resident who is 117 years old; whether white or black is not stated, or of what sex; but it is evident that this resident does not agree with the sentiment expressed by Thomas Hood, as follows—

"Withered and shaken,
"What can an old man do but die."

It is reported that the acreage of the lettuce crop is decreasing about Sanford and going up in and about Palatka and the Manatee country. But, in its stead celery acreage is increasing, and more than makes up for the crispy and curly leaved salad product.

The hyacinth is now threatening the east coast country, in the Hillsboro river, and it is feared that by next summer the pretty pest will have increased to such an extent as to render launches useless.

Low prices for cotton are complained of by the farmers in the vicinity of Hawthorne, yet the gins thereabout are taxed to their utmost capacity, running night and day. About 1,500 bales will be the output of the season.

There is a shortage in the wheat crop of Mexico, and the millers there are hoping that the duty on American and Canadian wheat will be removed early next year, to help out. The price is steadily rising for corn as well as wheat.

Helpful Hints

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Here in New York city the subject of athletics for girls has been taken up and a new branch for public schools has been planned by prominent women. At the home of Mrs. James Speyer a meeting was held which was the culmination of a strong feeling among representative women of the city that girls in the public schools ought to have the same advantage for physical development that boys enjoy.

Several speakers made it quite clear, however, that the newly born organization will not countenance uncontrolled athletic competition between teams of girls or teams of boys and girls, nor aim to make the girls of the city imitations of the boy athletes. On the contrary, it will, as Miss Grace H. Dodge, who has been a prime mover in the cause, indicated, make it one of the objects to differentiate girls' athletics from boys' athletics, and to open out new avenues for girls.

"I can't feel that just the same athletics are suited to boys and girls alike," said Miss Dodge. "For instance, I hope our girls are not going into football.

"One of the purposes of this organization should be to discover how girls' athletic sports should differ from those of boys. It would be a good thing if we could offer prizes for the best new athletic games for girls to play, and for modifications of boys' games that would be suitable for girls."

Miss Dodge also touched on the ethical value to girls of team play.

"More and more," she said, "those who mix with young women feel that the latter have not been prepared to meet all the duties and problems that confront them. Women have not known what it means to subordinate the individual to the group. It is the same with girls—they have not learned to work together. Besides the value of athletic work physically to girls, consider what it will mean to them in this new attitude."

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